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Release of Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyya from central Jail, Bangalore and her externment from the State

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SUBJECT .... Release of Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya from Central Jail, Bangalore and her detainment from the 1st Inst.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.
	CS 31-43-1, 8, 9 dtd C. C. No. 45-45 (C-B. 12-45-44)

WD 05354—GPB—300—6-5-40

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The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

No. F.80/1941.

FROM

THE SECRETARY
TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dated Bangalore, the 17th November *1942.*

Political agitation - Civil Disobedience Movement - Externment of Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya from Mysore.

SIR,

I am directed to say that the Government of Madras understand that the Mysore Police propose to extern Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya of Mangalore (South Kanara District) who is detained in the Central Jail, Bangalore, for her subversive activities and propaganda in the State in connection with the present Congress activities. I am to request, at the instance of the Government of Madras, that in case the Government of Mysore decide to release her from jail and extern her from Mysore, previous intimation may be given to that Government in time.

C/S.

CHIEF SECRETARY. 19 NOV. 1942 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

19/11

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

Inchd. This lady is under detention from the 6th Sept 42 under orders of the D.M., Bangalore. As regards her externment from the State, the Home Minister had minuted on the 7th October 42 that "the Dy. Comm. is against externing her". If for orders if the D.M. may be addressed in the matter, again and asked to intimate

NOTE—Cont. Sheet.

WD 04155—GPB—55,000—23-10-41

O.No. 123/42-43/S.B.

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BANGALORE

24th November 1942.

SESHADRI, Esq., M.A.,

Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

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Dear Mr.Mehkri,

I have your D.O. letter No.2617 dated the 20th Novr. 42 about the externment of Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya. She is at present in detention in the Central Jail, Bangalore As I heard that she was giving a lot of trouble in the jail and trying to set up the school girls who had been arrested and detained, I asked Mr. Somappa to make enquiries of the District Superintendent of Police, South Kanara, whether she was wanted by them and whether she could be detained under the Defence of India Rules if we extern her from the State. In reply the District Superintendent of Police, South Kanara, has stated that he has moved his District Magistrate about the detention of this lady under the Defence of India Rules. He has not so far told us whether the District Magistrate has agreed to do so. Unless she is definitely detained in custody in British India, it would be no use externing her from the State. She might go underground and either come back to Mysore surreptitiously or work secretly in British India. In either case the position would be worse than it is now. I would, therefore, think that unless the Madras Government are prepared to detain her in custody, it is not advisable to extern her from the State.

Yours sincerely,

M Seshadri

Mothamed-ul-Mulk
M.G.Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to the
Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Rest I may file as above
if Dewan approves

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Subd. with the following drafts.—

(1.) Order entering the body.

(2). Draft to the I. G. P. and D. M. B. Lahore

(3) Draft to the Residency.

Law Dy
Asstt Law Sec

25.12.42

ISSUED.

M. SITARAMA SASTRY
JOURNALIST

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BASAVANGUDI P. O.

Bangalore 29th Dec. 1942

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To
Pradana Siromani
N. madhava Rao
B. a. B.L
Dewan of mysore
Cantton House
Bangalore

Law Minister with compliments
29/12/42
P.T.O

Dear Sir,

Mrs Kamaladevi Chatopadya is a Political detenue here now in mysore State at the "Central Jail". It is learnt now that the Govt of mysore are pleased to pass an order of externment on her.

Mysore,

She desires now to go away to Bombay instead of returning to Mangalore, as she has no idea of participating in the present political movement. Therefore I request you to kindly release her here on condition of her going away to Bombay, which she wants to do immediately, otherwise the police may take her to Bombay & leave her there.

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Since this happens to be of a Political nature, I have approached you for kind orders in the matter

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Thanking you

I remain
Yours faithfully
M. Sitarama Sastry

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as she came to this state only with that idea. I request that orders of Government may kindly be obtained on her application which is enclosed herewith.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- [illegible]
District Magistrate,
Bangalore District.

Subject for orders.
Law Dept.
Mr T. A. Ramalinga Chetty is of opinion that this Secretariat will not interfere in the matter.
Shown H.S. 2.
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I am afraid the request cannot be complied with

Conf. B.
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5/1/43.

Inform with a reply
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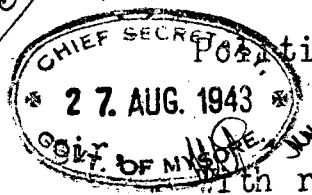
ISSUED.

No.F.80/41. Enc. 2

From The Secretary to the Hon ble the Resident in Mysore
To The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Bangalore, 26 August 1943.

Political agitation Kamala Devi Chattopadhyaya



With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No.3040/C.S. 53-42 dated the 26th December 1943, I am directed to forward copies of the correspondence noted in the margin*.

1. Letter No.37537/43-3, dated 14-8-1943 from the Government of Madras, Public (General) Department (with enclosure).
2. Endorsement No.735, dated 17-8-1943, from the Superintendent, Presidency Jail for Women, Vellore.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

Tcn.

Letter from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public (General) Department, Ref.No.37537/43-3 dated the 14th August 1943.

Political agitation - Kamala Devi Chatopadyaya, detenue, Presidency Jail for Women, Vellore Release on parole.

I am directed to say that this Government have ordered the release of the detenue Srimathi Kamala Devi Chatopadyaya on parole for a period of one month on medical grounds on condition that she gives a written undertaking that she will refrain from subversive activities and that she will not carry on communication with the outside world during the period. A copy of the order is enclosed for information. The Superintendent of the Jail has also been asked to warn her that she is not at liberty to enter the Mysore State during the parole period.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Abstract.

Political Agitation -Civil Disobedience Movement S.Kanara District - Security Prisoner - Kamala Devi Chatopadyaya - Release on parole for one month - Ordered.

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Public (General) Department
G.O.Ms.No.2289 dated 14th August 1943.
Read the following:

G.O.No.93 Public (General), dated 8th January 1943.

O R D E R:

His Excellency the Governor of Madras is pleased to direct that the security prisoner Kamala Devi Chatopadyaya detained in jail in G.O.No.93 Public (General), dated 8th January 1943 be released on parole for a period of one month in order to enable her to undergo medical treatment, on condition that she gives a written undertaking that she will refrain from subversive activities and that she will not carry on communication with the outside world during the period.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

Sd. * * *
Under Secretary to Government

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No.735.

From E.V. Casey, Superintendent,
Residency Jail for Women, Vellore.

To The Inspector General of Prisons, Madras.

Dated 17th August 1943.

G.I

Sir,

Sub: Political agitation C.D.M. security prisoner Kamala Devi Chattopadhaya-Release on parole Report submission of

Ref: G.O.No.Ms.2289 dated 14th August 1943.

Security prisoner Kamala Devi Chattopadhaya was released on parole for one month on 17-8-1943. She is due on 16th September 1943.

Sd. * * *
SUPERINTENDENT.

Copy submitted to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

Submitted for perusal with previous reference. (C.C. 20 of 42-43)
A memo for a duplicate copy of letter to the D.G.P. is put up.
3/8/43

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N. B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

WD 078—GPB—30,000—25-7-40

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URGENT SECRET.

No.C.F.80/1941(2)

From The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.
To The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Bangalore, 23rd December 1943.

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Civil Disobedience Movement - Security Prisoners - Mrs.Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.3040/CB/53-42, dated 26th December 1942, and to forward a copy of an express letter from the Government of Madras Public Department, No.S/2598-6/43, dated 20th December 1943, with enclosure.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

Tcm.

Express letter from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Department, No.S/2598-6/43, dated the 20th December 1943.

Political Agitation Civil Disobedience Movement
South Kanara District - Security Prisoner
Mrs.Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya
Ref. correspondence ending with your letter
No.F.80-1941 dated 7th January 1943.

I am directed to say that recent reports show that the health of Mrs.Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya is deteriorating stadily Her weight on admission into jail was 153 lbs. while her present weight is 128 lbs. Copies of the medical officer's reports are enclosed for reference. It was on account of her failing health that the Government of Madras released her on parole for a period of two months in G.O.No.Ms.3210, Public (General), dated 6th November 1943. She, however, refused to avail herself of the parole. The Government of Madras feel certain that her health will continue to deteriorate seriously if she continues in jail and they have, therefore, decided to release her on medical grounds. Formal orders to this effect will be issued shortly.

DETENU MRS. KAMALADEVI CHATTOPADHYAYA.

She is still complaining of giddiness, an Insomnia. ..ny noise seem to upset her. She has been losing weight gradually. She gained two pounds during the one month's parole. Her appetite is dull in spite of exercise.

Weight on admission		153 lbs.
Weight at present		128 lbs.
Heart pulse 60 p.m.	B.P. Systolic	95 m.
	Diastolic	60 m.

Lungs: normal.

Digestive system:- Appetite dull. Has Nausea and a tendency to vomit if she takes sufficient quantity of food.. She also complains of heaviness in the stomach after meals.

Genito Urinary:- Normal.

N. System:- Complains of Insomnia and heaviness and shooting pains in the head. She has feeling giddy often. She looks debilitated and tired.

Vellore.
1/12/1943.

Sd/- K.Venugopal, L.M.S.
Medical Officer.

Copy of the report of the Medical Officer, Presidency Jail for Women, Vellore on the health condition of detenue Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya.

The condition of detenu Kamaladevi is gradually getting worse. She is complaining of giddiness and anaemia and insomnia. I am of opinion that a transfer from this place may do her good. The Inspector General has been informed about this. His attention may kindly be invited to this.

Mr. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya, who was detained in the Central Jail, Bangalore, for her [illegible] propaganda in the State [illegible] activities, was released from the Jail on the suggestion of this Govt., she has been detained by the Govt of Madras under D.I.R. The Govt of Madras are in their view that it is proposed to release her for reasons of health submitted for general effect of letter will be sent to the D.I.G. for information and watching her movements

WD 1140—GPB—50,000—5-11-42

1874/43 Release of Mrs. Kamaladevi 1874
Chattopadhyaya from detention
CP

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS
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her case she happens to visit the State.

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GD
Hyde.

Chief.)

Copy may be sent to the C.S.P. for his information. ~~It is~~ In the present state of her health it is unlikely that she will think of coming into our State

Mr PN
Dewan
29.12.43

Care may be taken that she does not enter the State limits.

GD
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Staff to fair a memo for the C.S. explaining the case briefly

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No. 2310/43 dt 6.1.44

ONFIDENTIAL.

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20th November 1942.

Dear Sir,

I am desired to enclose copy of letter No.F.80 dated the 17th November 1942 received from the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore in the matter of the externment of Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya of Mangalore from the State, and to enquire whether you consider it desirable to extern the lady from Mysore. The favour of an early reply is requested.

Yours sincerely,

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M. Seshadri, Esqr., M.A.,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

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No.2763/C3

CONFIDENTIAL.

2nd December 1942.

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

S i r,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential letter No. F.80/1941 dated the 17th November 1942 regarding the externment from the State of Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya, who is now under detention in the Central Jail at Bangalore, and to state that the Government of Mysore contemplate externing her from the State, if the Government of Madras are agreeable to take action for her detention under the Defence of India Rules.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Chief Secretary to Government.

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No. 2763/CB

Confidential.

To

The Secretary to the Resident.

S i r ,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential letter No.F.80/1941 dated the 17th November 1942 regarding the externment from the State of Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya, who is now under detention in the Central Jail at Bangalore, and to state that ~~as the lady is found to be of a troublesome nature even under detention~~, the Govt. of Mysore ~~would like to~~ contemplate to extern her from the State, if the Govt. of Madras are agreeable to take action for her detention under the Defence of India Rules.

~~As otherwise the lady might be unwelcome & water scarcity exists in Mysore & on Bangalore~~

I have etc.,

Chief Secretary to Govt.

The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

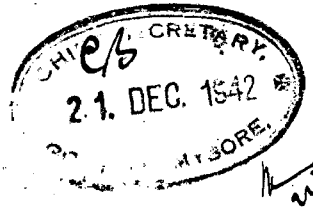
Secret. No. F.80/1941

FROM

THE SECRETARY
TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.



Dated Bangalore, the 19th December *1942.*

SIR,

With reference to your confidential letter No.2763/CB dated the 2nd December 1942, I am directed to say that the Madras Government state that if Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya is externed from Mysore and arrives in the Madras Presidency they will take action for her detention under the Defence of India Rules. They ask that intimation may kindly be sent to them as soon as she is externed so that suitable orders may be passed in time.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Secretary to the Resident in Mysore.

3035 | C.B.53-42-409
& 26-12-42.

Order.

WHEREAS the Government of His Highness th Maharaja are satisfied with respect to Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya of Mangalore, South Canara District, that, with a view to preventing her from acting in any manner prejudicial to the defence of India, the public safety, the maintenance of public order, the relations of His Highness the Maharaja with His Majesty the King-Emperor and the efficient prosecution of the war, it is necessary to make the following order:

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of sub-rule (1) of Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules, as applied to Mysore, they are pleased to direct that the said Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay of Mangalore to remove herself forthwith from the State of Mysore and prohibit her from returning to the State.

Chief Secretary to Govt.

To

Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya of Mangalore South Canara District.

Memo No. 3036-7 | C.B. & 26-12-42

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the District Magistrate, B'lore and the Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

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Chief Secretary to Govt.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.
General & Revenue Secretariat.

No.3035/C.B.53-42-40. Dated, Bangalore, 26th December 1942.

O R D E R .

WHEREAS the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are satisfied with respect to Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya of Mangalore, South Canara District, that, with a view to preventing her from acting in any manner prejudicial to the defence of India, the public safety, the maintenance of public order, the relations of His Highness the Maharaja with His Majesty the King-Emperor and the efficient prosecution of the war, it is necessary to make the following order:-

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Chief Secretary to Government.

To

Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya of Mangalore.

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3038/C.B

Confidential.

My dear Mr. Seshadri,

With reference to correspondence ending with your D.O.letter No.123/42-43 S.B. dated the 24th November 1942, re: the externment of Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya, I am desired to state that the Madras Government are prepared to take action for her detention under the Defence of India Rules if she is externed from the State and arrives in the Madras Presidency. They ask that intimation may kindly be sent to them as soon as she is externed so that suitable orders may be passed in time.

The District Magistrate Bangalore has been requested to arrange for her release. An Order externing the lady from the State from the date of release ~~from detention~~ is herein enclosed. I am to request that necessary steps may be taken in consultation with the District Magistrate, Bangalore to serve the Order on her immediately she is released.

Advance intimation may be given to the Madras Police of the District nearest to the place where she will be taken for release.

Yours sincerely,

3039/C.B

Copy to the District Magistrate, B'lore for information and necessary action.

CONFIDENTIAL.

3038/C.B.

26th December, 1942.

Dear Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your D.O. letter No.123/42-43S.B. dated the 24th November 1942, re: the externment of Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya, I am desired to state that the Madras Government are prepared to take action for her detention under the Defence of India Rules if she is externed from the State and arrives in the Madras Presidency. They ask that intimation may kindly be sent to them as soon as she is externed so that suitable orders may be passed in time.

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Advance intimation may be given to the Madras Police of the District nearest to the place where she will be taken for release.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) M. G. Mehkri,
Chief Secretary to Government.

M. Seshadri, Esqr., M.A.,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

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Memo No. 3039/C.B.

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the District Magistrate, Bangalore, for information and necessary action.

Chief Secretary to Government.

30.40 | C.B.53-42 B

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16-12-42

SECRET.

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the
Resident in Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No. F.80-1941 dated the 19th December 1942, I am directed to enclose copy of Notification issued to-day externing Sri: Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya of Mangalore from the State.

The Inspector General of Police has been requested to give advance intimation to the Police of the ~~locality~~ District-nearest to the ~~to which~~ place where she ~~is likely to~~ Govt be taken for release.

I have, etc.,

Chief Secretary to Govt.

Copy to D.C.P for necessary action

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SECRET.

26th December 1942

3040/C.B.53-42.

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Chief Secretary to Government.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

5th January 1943.

The District Magistrate,
Bangalore District.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.J1 C.C.122/42-43 dated the 1st January 1943 forwarding for orders of Government a communication received from Sri Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya requesting that she may, on release from detention, be permitted to stay in Nandi Hills to recoup her health, and to state in reply that Government regret that her request cannot be complied with.

I have, etc.,

(Sd.) M. G. Mehkri,
Chief Secretary to Govt.

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P. T. O.

Lemo No. 3154/CB dt 5-1-43

Copy of the foregoing is forwarded, with compliments, to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

Chief Secretary to Govt.

SECRET

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Tel. Address:
"POLICE"
PHONE No. 2108.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE,

When replying please quote No. S.B. 123/42-43

Dated Bangalore, January 16, *194* 3.

FROM

The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
B a n g a l o r e.

Subject:- Srimathi Kamaladevi- Externment from the Mysore State.

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SIR,

With reference to your letter No.3038/CB. dated 26-12-1942, I have the honour to state that the original order externing - Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya from the limits of the State was served on her immediately after her release from the Central Jail - on the afternoon of 15-1-1943 and her signature was taken on the duplicate in token of service.

She was immediately taken to the limits of C & M Station where she was taken into custody by the South Kanara Police, who - escorted her to Vellore for being detained in the Central Jail there.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE
IN MYSORE.

Sd →
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To be filed with
CS file 53-42-40 (confl B)
20/1/43

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Memo No. 524/CB

General and Revenue Secretariat,
Dated, Bangalore, 30th August 1943.

(D.N.O. 619/CB.)

Copies of the above are forwarded, with compliments, to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

WG
30/8/43

Chief Secretary to Govt.

G. R. S. App. F. G. 3.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(*Continuation sheet draft form.*)

[Here enter letter No
C 780/1941(2) Dated 23.12.41
from the Secy to the Resident
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No Date

* Copy of the above
is forwd with Compts
to the DG applies in
Mysore for information

for Chief Secy to Govt

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Genito Urinary:- Normal.

N. System: Complains of Insomnia and heaviness and shooting pains in the head. She has feeling giddy often. She looks debilitated and tired.

Vellore, 1st Decr. 1943. (Sd.) K. Venugopal, L.M.S.,
Medical Officer.

Copy of the report of the Medical Officer, Presidency Jail for Women, Vellore, on the health condition of detenue Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya.

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The condition of detenu Kamaladevi is gradually getting worse. She is complaining of giddiness and anaemia and insomnia. I am of opinion that a transfer from this place may do her good. The Inspector General has been informed about this. His attention may kindly be invited to this.

General and Revenue Secretariat,

Memo No. 2310/C3 Dated, Bangalore, 6th January 1944.

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore for information, + Such action as may be necessary to see that Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya does not enter the State.

For Chief Secretary to Govt.

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Copy of letter No. C.F.80/1941 (2) dated 23rd December 1943 from the Secretary to the Resident and its enclosures:-

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Civil Disobedience Movement - Security Prisoner - Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya.

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Express letter from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Department, No.S/2598-6/43, dated the 20th Decr.1943.

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Political Agitation Civil Disobedience Movement South Kanara District - Security Prisoner Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya.

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DETENUE MRS. KAMALADEVI CHATTOPADHYAYA.

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do. at present, ... 128 ,,

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Diastolic 60 m.

Lungs: normal.

Digestive system: Appetite dull. Has Nausea and a tendency to vomit if she takes sufficient quantity of food. She also complains of heaviness in the stomach after meals.

P. T. O.

Strictly Confidential
D. O. and Immediate.
3694-704/C.B.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

Dated Bangalore, 21st February 194 3.

No.

Dear Sir,

It is understood that Mr. Gandhi's condition has deteriorated and is very grave. In the event of any untoward result happening, any manifestation of national mourning need not be stifled or prohibited but all possible precautions should be taken for the preservation of the public peace and for preventing the commission of any unlawful acts. Any publication regarding death and funeral need not be restricted, though it will be necessary to restrain anti-Government comments and propaganda in this connection.

The situation should be closely and keenly watched and every precaution taken from now to meet all eventualities.

The receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Commissioner,

District.

Copy to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, Bangalore.

Chief Secretary to Government.

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Secret.
D.O.No.F.
17/1943.

THE RESIDENCY,
BANGALORE.

24th February 1943.

My dear Mr Mudaliar Rao.

The following is for your information in continuation of my conversation with you on Sunday regarding Gandhi's fast.

The Government of India feel that, if death occurs, public feeling, or at any rate so much of it as is spontaneous, will be based even more on religion than politics and that it will be both useless and bad policy to attempt to stifle or prohibit all manifestations of national mourning. Our correct course, therefore, should be to make the preservation of the public peace the single touch-stone by which all our action should be tested and, on that basis, allow as much freedom as possible for reasonable public mourning by whatever means may be customary. In that view it may be best, although we should strongly deprecate any public announcement to that effect, to permit some relaxation of any existing restrictions on public meetings, orations and

processions for a few days after death occurs and then to re-impose restrictions after this period expires. But you and your local officers must have the fullest discretion to act as local circumstances may dictate within the framework of this general policy. Similarly we do not think it would be desirable to restrict publicity for the news of the death or funeral, but it will be important to restrain anti-Government comment on the same lines as in the case of the fast itself and you should be prepared to deal with your local Press accordingly.

Yours Sincerely

Pradhana Siromani M. Madhava Rau Esq.
C.I.E., B.A., B.L.,
Dewan of Mysore, Bangalore.

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Residency letter B/14-1-43 giving further instructions regarding the action to be taken in ~~the~~ case of Mr. Gandhi's fast proving fatal.

Draft letter to the D.C.s & the V.S.P to submit.

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15/-

The draft has been approved by the Dewan & Mogrim

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To the Dy. Comrs. & copy to V.S.P.—
D.O. No. 3751-59 B/W/2/43 issuing instructions regarding action to be taken

Conf. B.

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10/3/43.

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Strictly Confidential

and Immediate.

Bangalore,

25th Feb. 1943.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my strictly confidential letter No.3694-704/C.B. dated the 21st February 1943, regarding Mr. Gandhi's fast, I am desired to state that, if death occurs, ~~public feeling, are~~ at ~~any rate so much of it as is~~ spontaneous, ~~will be based even more on religion than politics and that~~ it will be both useless and bad policy to attempt to stifle or prohibit all manifestations of national mourning. The correct course should therefore be to make the preservation of the public peace the single touch-stone by which all our action should be tested and, on that basis, allow as much freedom as is possible for reaonable public mourning by whatever means may be customary. In that view it may be ~~based~~ best, although any public announcement to this effect should be strongly deprecated, to permit some relaxation of any existing restrictions on public meetings, orations and processions for a few days after death occurs and then re-impose restrictions after this period expires. At the same time, you ~~need~~ have the fullest discretion to act as local circumstances may dictate

within the frame work of this general policy.

Similarly, it is not considered desirable to restrict publicity for the news of the death or funeral but it may be important to restrain anti-Government comment ~~including comments in the local press~~ propaganda.

Yours sincerely,

The Deputy Commissioners of
all Districts.

Copy to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

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STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL
& IMMEDIATE.
D. O.

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

Dated Bangalore, 25th February 1943

No. 3751-59/C.B. 168-42-4

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Similarly, it is not considered desirable to restrict publicity for the news of the death or funeral but it may be important to restrain anti-Government comment and propaganda.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Commissioner of
All Districts.

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Copy to S.S.P.

C. F. No. 46] SECRET

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Tele gram / phone

OFFICE OF

The Inspector-General of Police

in Mysore,

Bangalore.

No. S.B. 397/42-43.
Encls.

Date February 23, 1943

To

The Chief Secretary

to the Government of Mysore,

Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your stictly confidential letter No.3694-704/C.B: dated 21st February 1943.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Inspector-General of Police.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S 24 FEB. 19 GOVT. OF MYSORE

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Mir Safdar Hussain, B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

MANDYA,
Dated 23rd Feb. 1943.

D.O.No.T.C. 169/42-43

Dear Sir,

I write to acknowledge your Confidential D.O.No.3694-704-C.B. dated 21st February 1943 and I have noted your instructions contained therein for my guidance.

Yours Sincerely,

Mir Safdar Hussain

J.Appaji Gowda,Esq.,B.A.(Hons),
Chief Secretary to Government
of Mysore, Bangalore.

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MR. ABDUL AZIZ KHAN, B.A.,
~~Mr. C. M. H. RANAJODHA SINGH, B.A.,~~
District Magistrate.

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,
BANGALORE.

Dated .....~~21st~~ 22nd.....February..... *1943*

Immediate & Confidential.
No. J1-T.P 8/42

Dear Sir,

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your D.O. letter No.3694-704/C.B. dated the 21st instant re. Mr. Gandhi's deteriorated condition and to state that I have issued needful instructions to the Superintendents of Police to keep a keen watch over the situation and take precaution from now to meet all eventualities.

Yours sincerely,

A A Khan

J. Appaji Gowda, Esq., B.A., (Hons)
Offg. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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AMAIYA, B.A. (HON).,
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
KOLAR DISTRICT

D. O. No. C. C. 16.

Dated, Kolar, the 22nd February 1943.

Confidential.

C.B. 1/ 2/2/43

Dear Sir,

I write to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your D.O. letter No. 3694-704/C.B. dated the 21st instant regarding the preservation of the public peace and the prevention of ~~the~~ unlawful acts.

Yours sincerely,

J.Appaji Gowda, Esq.,B.A.,(Hons),
Chief Secretary to Government of
Mysore, Bangalore.

"SECRET"

No. D.C. 22/42-43

C. M. H. RANAJODHA SINGH, B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

MYSORE,

Dated .....February 22..... *1943*.

Dear Sir,

C.S. 24/2

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your D.O.No.3694-704/C.B., dated the 21st February 1943, regarding the precautions to be taken in the event of any untoward happening as a result of Mr. Gandhi's fast.

Yours sincerely,

C. M. H. Ranajodha

J. APPAJI GOWDA, Esq., B.A. (Hons.),
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

No C.G.303/42-43.

Mr. G. Sundara Rao.
~~NAVANEETHAM NAIDU B.A., B.L.,~~
Deputy Commissioner.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
SHIMOGA DISTRICT.

Dated Shimoga, 22nd. February *194* 3.

MR

My dear Appaji Gowda

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential D.O.letter No.3694-704/C.B. dated the 21st instant.

Yours sincerely,

G Sundara Rao

J.Appaji Gowda, Esq., B.A(Hons).,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

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Mr. M. Navaneetham Naidu, B.A.,B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner.

Tumkur,
Dated, 22nd Feb.'43.

CONFIDENTIAL.

C.C.No. 19/42-43.

Dear Sir,

As desired I write to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential D.O. letter No. 3694-704/C.B. dated 21st February 1943 issuing instructions in regard to the situation that may arise on account of Mr. Gandhi's grave condition.

Yours sincerely,

Navaneek

To

J.Appaji Gowda Esq.,B.A.,(Hons),

Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
B A N G A L O R E.

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D. O. PC. 132/42-43

K. SRINIVASAN, ESQ., B. Sc.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
KADUR DISTRICT.

Chikmagalur, Dated the 22nd February 43.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your D.O. No.3694-704/C.B. marked "strictly confidential" and immediate" dated 21st February 1943.

Yours sincerely,

K Srinivasan

J. Appaji Gowda, Esq., B.A., (Hons.),
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

CONFIDENTIAL.

R. [illegible]. MALLAPPA, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Deputy Commissioner.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
CHITALDRUG DISTRICT.

D. O. C.C. 9/43.

Dated Chitaldrug, 22nd February 1943.

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of your strictly confidential D.O.Letter No.3694-704/C.B. dated the 21st February 1943 regarding certain action to be taken in the event of any untoward result happening due to the grave condition of - Mr. Gandhi. It is likely that in the event of such ~~any~~ an emergency the students who are congress minded may take it into their head to ask the Public Offices to be closed and try to hoist Congress Flag half mast on public buildings. Necessary action will be taken to prevent them from doing so.

Yours sincerely,

To

J.Appaji Gowda, Esq., B.A., (Hons.)
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

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Mr. N.S.Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

No.P.C.536/42.

Camp Hirisadarahalli,

23rd February 1943.

Dear Sir,

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your strictly confidential D.O.letter No.3694-704/C.B. dated the 21st February 1943 in the matter of precautions to be taken in the ~~matter~~ case of any eventualities that may be likely to arise.

Yours sincerely,

N Hirannayya

J. Appaji Gowda, Esq., B.A.(Hons)
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

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Secret. Bangalore, 11th February '43.

D.O.No.F.17/1943.

My dear Mr. Anantaraman,

In continuation of my secret demi-official letter No.F. 17/1943 dated the 10th February 1943, I am desired to say that information has been received that apparently Gandhi refused the Government of India's conditions regarding release and is insisting on carrying out fast in detention. The Government of India regret his decision but their position remains the same viz., that they are prepared to release him for the purpose and duration of his fast but that if he is not prepared to take advantage of that fact and fasts while in detention he does so solely on his own responsibility and at his own risk. In that event he would be allowed however to have his own medical attendants and to receive visits from friends with the permission of Government. Government of India's statement which is being published is being amended accordingly.

2. The principle of instructions regarding control of publicity remains unaltered, but you will, of course, have to adjust your action to altered circumstances. For instance as fast materialised in detention there will now be little question of news of its progress from any except official sources (which will be dealt with by the Government of Bombay) and no question of interviews with Gandhi except with official permission, or of communications by Gandhi himself to press. Applicants for interviews should be referred to the Government of India ~~xxx~~ and one condition of all interviews will be that interviewer must submit for approval and account he proposes to publish.

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Yours sincerely.
(Sd) W. le B. Egerton.

Submitted for perusal.

Dewan.

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Reuter Telegram

London: February 9

Russians have captured Byalgorod which means that they are within forty miles of the Ukrainian base of Kharkov. Russians have made their headway in their drive towards german base of Ukraine by rapid marches. Special Moscow announcement says russian forces yesterday stormed and captured the large town and railway station of Byalgorod . North of Kharkov main line runs down from Kursk along this town. Many prisoners were taken and large quantity of booty captured. 20 miles southeast of Byalgorod soviet forces captured another town . The fall of Byalgorod means that it is the nearest point soviet forces had yet reached to Kharkov which is their next objective. Soviets are within 50 miles from other places to Kharkov. North of Byalgorod russians have cut the railway from Kursk . South of Byalgorod russians are confronted with hills which stand on their way to Kharkov. It was in July last year that Byalgorod was one of the most active centres when the germans launched their offensive

Russians advance from Kursk constitutes major threat to germas positions in the Donetz Basin and this drive is even more important than the key german base of Rostov. Importance of Rostov lies in the fact it is the base of the german cacausian army. This enemy force has now been practical surrounded and rounded up and in full retreat towards the Kerch straits. Donetz basin drive of Russians has completely isolated Rostov . Now russians will be able to launch direct offensive on Rostov from the north and northwest without having to cross the river Don from the south. Rostov have already been pounded by russian heavy guns from Bataisk

In the northern Sector soviet forces captured district centre and railway station about 40 miles north halfway to Orel. West of Kursk soviet forces are now threatening strategic railway junction where the Kursk-Kharkov line crosses. Kharkov is now also isolated and cannot be reinforced from Brianek.

Washington: February 9

Guadalcanar is now completely in American hands following yesterday Tokyo announcement Col Knox Navy Secretary announced later that his department had received intimation confirming the Tokyo announcement

The last official announcement stated that the Japanese had been driven to deep valleys and surrounded leaving them to choose between death and surrender.

surrender. Col Knox said that the Japanese had about four to six thousand men on the Guadalcanar Island on January 21. Story of the southwest Pacific would have been vastly different if the allies had not established themselves in the Solomons in the last few months.

Military observers in Washington express the opinion that in Guadalcanar Japanese have suffered their second decisive defeat first having been in New Guinea. The american grip on Guadalcanar constitutes allied offensive springboard for the attacks on the great Japanese base of Rabaul in New Britain.

The last operational communique says on Saturday and Monday United States forces on Guadalcanar lengthened their lines and completed the consolidation of the new american base of Titi on the Northwestern coast. 34 Japanese were killed and one taken prisoner during these operations. North of Guadalcanar american aircraft again bombed Japanese positions in Munda. Commander of American submarine has told the story how on the 24th of January his submarine went into north coast of New Guinea and sank Japanese destroyer and two days later four Japanese ships in convoy carrying Japanese soldiers were sunk and all the troops had watery grave.

His Majesty the King has awarded the Victoria Cross to an Australian private in New Guinea operations posthumously for his bravery

Chungking: February 9

Chinese communique reports fierce fighting on the Yunnan-Burma border wherein one thousand Japanese were killed and their advance checked and they were thrown back.

Cairo: February 9

In Southern Tunisia french troops have beaten off armoured axis patrols east of Gafsa. Enemy lost some men. Apart from this there has been quite all along the front. Bad weather is hampering major operations but our patrols have been active in some sectors. British 8th army on Monday pushed their way into Tunisia despite strong enemy rearguards action preventing our advance. DESERT RATS of the 8th army the SEVENTH ARMOURED DIVISION were the first now to operate inside Tunisia.

Correspondent at Algiers reports the creation by Algiers administration of a Permanent Council for war economy. Its personnel

would consist of 26 European and 12 muslim members president of the council being one outside the administration. Council would be a consultative body which will meet every month to advise the Government aand coordinate economic and social problems and will represent all sections of the population and social activity.

London: february 9

General De Gaulle fighting French leader speaking in London on the political situation in North Africa told corresponden ts that the first essential for fighting frenchmen was the restoration of the laws of th Republic and establishment of freedom of opinion and press. Once these wer established it would not be long before union was achieved. In the view o the Fighging French organisation which hebelieved was the view of all Frenchmen any new regime must have as its sole aim the union of all french forces for the liberation of France and the restoration of her free institutions. It would not succeed unless the regime itself was founded on the laws of the Republic . fighting French had liberated one half of the rench Empire and brought it back into the war. There is no disorder or confusion in those territories

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London: February 9

Royal air force were again over northern France indaylight today. They attacked railway targets. Three of our planes are missing.

Few german raiders taking advantage of cloud cover were over Britain in daylight on the southeastern coast. A few bombs were dropped on the suburbs of London but no aircraft appeared over the capita itself. One raider was shot down on the southcast coast.

Melbourne: February 10

Following monday nights smashing raid on the Japanese base of Dobo allied airmen in the southwest Pacific yesterday switched their attention to the Island of Celebes. They flew through bad weather to make destructive attack on Harbour and installations at Kandari where extensive damage was done to buildings installations and dispersed aircraft. One eight thousand ton Japanese vessel was bombed with unobserved results. Hostile aircraft attempted interception ; one of which shot down and remainder broke up engagement. Bad weather was encountered during the whole of the operations.

Reuter Telegram

London: February 10

The Governor of Cyprus has arrived in London todiscuss financial ecommomic and other problems of the colony with the British Secretary of State for the colonies.

London: February 10

Following german military authorities orders to the citizens of Lorient to evacuate the town and eight surrounding districts official german news agency today announced civilianpopulation of Brest and other coastal towns in France have also been ordered to evacuate. Marseilles has already been evacuated and evacuation of Lorient is expected to be ccomplated by today.

London: February 10

It isnow stated the german Ukraine base of Kharkov has been completely isolated. Six main thrusts towards the town are now being made

Associated Press of India

New Delhi: February 10

Budget session of the central assembly began this morning in Delhi. At question time Sir Home Mody Supply Member told the house that Grady Missions report was confidential and it was not therefore possible for the Government either to publish the report or comment on it. Government of India had been informed by the United Kingdom Government it was not possible for them to implement the recommendations of the Mission in view of the altered war situation but they were prepared to assist India to secure necessary raw materials to maintain her essential war production. They were also assisting India to secure necessary equipment for improvin existing plants and for completing industrial projects already undertaken.

Sir Edward Benthal Transport Member answering questions on dearnes allowance to railway employees said apart from granting such allowances the railway administrations had arranged to open cheap grain shops for their employees and other measures had also been undertaken for relief incase of injury and hardships caused by the war.

In response to demand ffrom non official members of the house the Government had agreed toxgrant allot two days for discussion onthe food situation intthe country

NEW DELHI: FEBRUARY 10

Mahatma GANDHI HAS INFORMED THE VICEROY THAT HE PROPOSES TO UNDERTAKE A FAST OF THREE WEEKS DURATION FROM TENTH FEBRUARY SAYS PRESS COMMUNIQUE. COMMUNIQUE SAYS IT IS PROPOSED TO ADD JUICES OF CITRUS FRUIT TO WATER TO MAKE THE WATER DRINKABLE, AS HIS WISH IS NOT FAST TO DEATH BUT TO SURVIVE THE ORDEAL

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